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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

It is also brought to the attention of the Examiner the co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, all of which were filed by Bigus et al.: U.S. Serial No. 08/822,119 filed on March 21, 1997 and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING BETWEEN AN INTELLIGENT AGENT AND CLIENT COMPUTER PROCESS USING DISGUISED MESSAGES," U.S. Serial No. 08/826,107 filed on March 21, 1997 and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING MULTIPLE INTELLIGENT AGENTS HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE," and U.S. Serial No. 09/100,595, filed on June 19, 1998 and entitled "OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE" (which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/822,993 filed on March 21, 1997 and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE

PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH  
MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN  
KNOWLEDGE" (now abandoned)).

Each of the references was cited in the parent for the above-identified application, U.S. Serial No.08/821,935, filed on March 21, 1997. Accordingly, no copies of the references are provided.

No representation is made that any of the references are "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103. Moreover, any explanations herein are not to be taken as a representation that the references have been thoroughly reviewed. In particular, no representation as to the relative relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the references and the remarks presented herein in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, please contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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